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Housekeeping.

A correspondent of a New York daily paper, writing from Bloomfield, recently contributed some plain, practical ideas, embodying his housekeeping experience in our suburban town on an income of from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per annum. He gives a list of his household expenses for himself and wife as follows:

Rent.....	\$300
Coal.....	75
Provisions.....	400
Clothing for wife.....	150
Clothing for self.....	100
Washing.....	35
Contingencies.....	40
Total.....	\$1,200

The rent, as given above, the writer explains, is for a house with sufficient ground attached to supply vegetables and to raise poultry.

"I allow nothing," he says, "for servants' wages or waste, as none should be required by a young couple just starting in life. There need not be more than work sufficient to keep a young woman in healthy exercise. All depends on taste, executive ability and industry. No bachelor having an income of \$1,800 a year need remain a bachelor for financial reasons. A wife as good as herself, and the comforts of a home, can be had and maintained for much less than \$1,800 a year, and money saved."

One or two points in the above experience will bear a little well-intended comment. We would prefer to substitute interest in place of "Rent" holding that every young couple ought to own their home. As shown, there is a margin of several hundred dollars over all expenses before the limit of salary is reached. What better way of investing it than so much yearly toward paying for a home of your own, if you are not able to purchase one outright?

Renting will do for a man whose inclination tends in the direction of extravagance rather than frugality, or at least toward an enjoyment of life at the present time, without much ambition or concern for the future. Living from year to year fully up to one's circumstances is but a step removed from living beyond one's means, and there is more danger of exceeding than falling short of the mark. By all means, we say, let the young couple own their home. It encourages thrift, promotes enterprise, creates independence and tends to elevate the family to a higher plane than can be attained by merely renting a house from month to month or year to year.

In regard to the items given for provisions, clothing, &c., they are sufficient to supply the reasonable needs of a "young couple." There is no doubt a large enough for his exceptional case, but in the housekeeping experience of the average young couple it will hardly prove adequate. It doesn't allow of a margin for the inevitable mother-in-law, who so often comes to the front when a young couple begin housekeeping, nor does it provide for that indispensable contingency—the baby. Ignore the first if you will, but it will never do to neglect making provision for the blessed baby, without which housekeeping is incomplete, and can very aptly be compared to the play of Hamlet with the Dane left out.

We notice with pleasure the coming to hand of our valued exchange, THE NEW YORK OBSERVER, greatly approved in appearance by a complete new typographical outfit. About the earliest recollection we have of newspaperdom is that of carrying home from the post-office every week the OBSERVER, over a quarter of a century ago. Who can presume to estimate the vast amount of good that has been accomplished by this pioneer paper—one that for more than fifty years has lifted its voice all over the land in perpetuation, not of new theories and advanced doctrines in religion, but of those sound principles and fundamental forms of belief which are the groundwork of true christianity and morality! "Next to a good conscience is a good newspaper," they say, and we know of none better adapted for the family to grow up under than THE NEW YORK OBSERVER.

Boat.

The paper which hasn't yet got out of its pet rut of Grantism founders along thus:

"Since the sword in the hands of the people has cut the Gordian knot and loosed him (President Grant) from the ties of Party straight jackets, we predict he will now assert his independence of circular and dogmatic political parties, and prove himself more than ever capable of being the head and representative of the people and administrator of the welfare and estate of Forty Millions of American Citizens."

"Probably among his first measures will be the removal of those executive officers, whether of the Cabinet or lower grades, whose official conduct has rendered them obnoxious to public opinion and brought odium upon his administration. We hope he will not hesitate or delay to apply the pruning knife vigorously and skillfully in this direction, and call into the service only such as will evince capacity, ability and zeal, and who will co-operate with him to advance the best interests of the nation and to govern his administration with glory and honor. And President Grant is just the disinterested and resolute man to do this wisely and effectively."

Good enough! and if prophecy is in order we prognosticate that when the insurmountable obstacles impinging on the multitudinous redundancy of extraneous circumstances are eliminated, plenipotential aspirations will be propitiated, and the *Gazette* sent for to help run the National Government.

Staten Island is to be connected with the Jersey shore by means of a tubular tunnel—which will cost \$600,000.

Public School Attendance.

NOV. 1873.	No. of Pupils.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Graduates.
High School.	20	2	197	14
Grammar School.	198	15	1,210	127
Central Primary.	263	192	2,042	207
Berkley Primary.	84	60	774	70
Brookside Primary.	67	51	380	52
Summary.	638	451	4,699	470

We publish above the abstract of the monthly report of attendance at our public schools for November of last year, and also of the present year. By so doing, our citizens can see at a glance what improvement has been made. It will be seen that in this important matter of attendance a very decided advance has been made—the per cent. of attendance being 86 for 1874 against 79 for 1873. It is a matter of special congratulation that such a decided improvement has been made in punctuality. Although the whole membership is nearly a hundred more the present year than last, yet the number of cases of tardiness is 140 less.

A publicly displayed record, showing the individual cases of tardiness in each class, has been commenced, and is having a marked effect as a preventive of this source of delinquency. This record, being a sort of "black list," few scholars will care to have their names appear upon it.

The many friends of Rev. Dr. C. E. Knox will sympathize deeply with him and his family in their recent affliction in the death of little Bertie, aged about 7 years, who died early Tuesday morning, 8th inst., at Point Pleasant, N. J. His disease was congestion of the brain.

Topics of the Day.

A despatch from Calcutta states that the government is satisfied that the prisoner arrested as the Nana Sahib is not that personage. A very fortunate circumstance for the prisoner.

Hon. Dudley S. Gregory died at his residence in Jersey City on Tuesday, at the age of 73. Mr. Gregory had been one of Jersey City's most valued and respected citizens.

Telegrams were received at the Greenwich Observatory on Wednesday, from India, announcing that the observations of the transit of Venus have been successful. Over one hundred photographs were taken. Observations taken at Cairo, Suez and Thebes were also perfectly successful.

Some of the New York papers are more than ever disposed to throw cold water on the East River Bridge project, since the matter of tunneling rivers has come into prominence. The Tribune knows of a gentleman thoroughly conversant with the subject who says a railway tunnel could be laid under the East River, and that the cost would be about \$10,000,000, ten tunnels between New York city and Brooklyn could be laid complete.

King Kalakana, who is now visiting this country, is thirty-eight years of age, a native of Honolulu, and a graduate of the royal school. He is a fine looking man, with moustache and side whiskers, and is said to possess considerable culture and an extensive knowledge of international law. He visited California in 1869 in company with several native Princes.

The President's Message is generally allowed to be a very sensible document. There is certainly no discount on the opinion he advances that there can be no permanent prosperity until we get back to specie payment. The policy of the President and of Secretary Bristow on finance also meets with approval even from sources where least expected. The Tribune says: "We congratulate the country on the firm ground taken by the President and his Secretary of the Treasury. Let their party but show equal sagacity, and we may soon touch bottom; and, with an honest currency, begin to see the thimble of capital overcome, and money flowing healthfully once more from the great centers into enterprises all over the country now languishing. The way to resumption is to resume; and this Congress can provide for it, if it will."

The Proctor-Moulton libel suit, one of the side-shows in the Beecher-Tilton drama, has terminated by mutual consent. The lady disclaims any desire for exemplary damages, and Moulton, through his counsel, Gen. Butler, apologizes, retracting the alleged libel against Miss Proctor. The arrangement was privately made through counsel, but publicly consummated in court. The main issue, the trial of the civil suit of Tilton vs. Beecher, still hangs fire and affords the lawyers on both sides abundant opportunity for legal sparring. The case came up before Judge Neilson on Tuesday, an eminent array of counsel on both sides being present, together with the plaintiff. Mr. Beecher was absent. After the tedious work of summoning several hundred jurors, several hours were spent in a fight between the counsel on each side. Ex-Judge Fullerton maintained that the other side skulked behind technicalities, and were continually putting off the day of trial. Mr. Tracy, on the other side, gave Tilton a hard hit, saying that his accusation was a matter of conscience, it was to be regretted that it took him four years to find out his duty. The case was finally checked by a stay of proceedings, and is now set down for next Monday.

There seems to be a reasonable doubt of the cause ever getting before a jury.

Local Note-Book.

We want a lock-up, or a pillory?

The weather still favors the poor.

A spirited fray—the Battle of the Cops last Monday.

The finishing-up work in the First Presbyterian Church has begun.

The pupils in our Central Public School are making arrangements to decorate the high school room for the holidays.

In accordance with an order issued by Superintendent Cusick, of the Montclair road, trains began stopping at the new Broad Street Station on Monday last.

The Ladies' Sewing Society and Church Sociable of the Presbyterian Church will meet next Wednesday afternoon and evening at the house of Mrs. Edward G. Ward.

A Union Neighborhood Prayer Meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. Smith, Ridgewood Avenue, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 15th, at a quarter of 8 o'clock.

Mr. E. P. Clark, of Montclair has sold to Elmer G. Doolittle, of Porter Brothers & Co., New York, nine acres of land, west of Mountain Avenue, Watchung, for \$1,500 per acre.

The house of Mr. Egbert Ward, on Liberty st. was entered Thursday night by burglars, through the cellar, and various articles of clothing, etc., stolen. No doubt the Protective Association will offer a reward for the capture of the thieves.

Through the enterprise of the Morris Neighborhood people, there is a good prospect of securing the extension of the Horse Car railroad up Broad street as far as Bay avenue. Before this is done, however, Broad street ought to be widened, straightened, graded and paved.

The season of the year approaches when every lady is out in quest of Christmas goods; to the delight of storekeepers, who are kept busy early and late. On their behalf we must put in a word of disengagement of the custom some people have of taking the stores in rotation, handling and prying all the goods within reach but buying nothing worth speaking of.

The latest incentive for inviting strangers to our village is the opening of a new first-class hotel and boarding house, by the Misses Dadd, called the Broad Street House. Its location is adjacent to the new depot of the Montclair Railway, being the commodious house lately occupied by Dr. McDowell. The ladies who are at the head of this enterprise have a reputation that will insure success in their undertaking.

There will be a literary and musical entertainment held in the M. E. Church of Bloomfield on Christmas night, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Union. The programme will consist of solos, choruses, glee, quartettes, dialogues and recitations—the music under the direction of Prof. Gardner of London. Admission 25 cents, tickets to be had at the stores of Martin Bros. and E. Wilde.

State Items.

Three men were caught in Alloway Creek, near Allowaytown, a short time since, by Alexander Robinson. These animals are rarely trapped now-a-days in this section.

Walter Harned, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. John Harned, of White Hill, near Bordentown, surprised a burglar in the act of rifling his father's residence and courageously fired a shot gun at him, without effect. The thief hurried on an axe at the head, then threw him down stairs and escaped.

The Republican East Orange Artillery Company of the campaign has effected a permanent organization as an Artillery Company, and will meet every Tuesday evening. They have also petitioned the Township Committee to purchase one of the Babcock hook and ladder trucks, and if granted will act as a fire organization in the lower portion of the town.

On Thursday last week, Willie Marsh, thirteen years old, a son of Richard Marsh, of Rahway, while on his way from school got into some trivial boys' squabble with another lad, a year older, named Oscar Garthwaite, the upshot of which was that Garthwaite, as alleged, hurled a stone at Marsh, struck him behind the right ear and felled him to the ground. Willie was assisted home and medical assistance called, but it was of no avail, for he died on Monday last.

The Company engaged in constructing a tunnel under the Hudson from Jersey City to New York are pursuing the work vigorously. A shed, fifty by seventy-five feet, has been erected over the shaft, which the men are engaged in sinking. A novel feature in engineering is, that instead of the process being to build at the bottom the process is reversed. The work of laying brick, has begun at the top, and the timber foundations which will support the wall sinks as the men clear the way below. The excavation, the hoisting of material and the pumping of the water are all performed by machinery. The contractor feels confident that he can sink the wall six feet per day, and that the soil is favorable for his operations.

Some boys, knowing that Mrs. Ella Somers of Warren street, Newark, was out on Saturday afternoon, sought to annoy the servant by ringing the door bell and hiding. Having been called to the door four or five times the servant filled a large pitcher with water and stationed herself at a window over the door. Soon the bell was rung again. Up flew the window, and the water descended upon Mrs. Somers, who had just returned with a new \$20 winter hat and a fine velvet cloak. Not many seconds after this event the servant suddenly appeared in the street and a valise flew out of the door after her.

In Cincinnati a new church is building the spire of which is to be three hundred feet high!

The recent summoning and impounding of the one thousand jurors in the Tilton-Beecher case in Brooklyn cost the county nearly \$2,000.

A McGregor (Iowa) man has sued a newspaper, asking \$5,000 damages for publishing his name to a marriage that didn't come off.

Justice's Court.

James McGarry and James Conannon were arrested by Constable Davis, charged with robbing George Unangst of a gold watch and chain valued at \$150. The robbery is alleged to have taken place on Friday night, while the complainant was returning from Montclair, accompanied by the accused. The three stopped at the railroad crossing in Bloomfield avenue, and spent some time in the flag-house, where Unangst fell asleep. When he awoke the two men were gone and his watch was missing. The prisoners, after a hearing, gave bail in \$500 each to appear before the Grand Jury.

A well mixed up entanglement about a fish net took place at the Center on Monday last. A Coldwell "Cop" attempted to arrest and take to jail a Bloomfielder, Chas. P. Doremus, against whom a warrant had been issued, judgment having been entered for trespass and damage to a net belonging to somebody living over the mountains. Mr. Doremus declined to obey the warrant, saying he wanted to see his lawyer about it. A number of the legal fraternity—the best skill and talent that could be secured within several blocks—congregated in front of the hotel, and the case was argued with considerable spirit. At length the court took a new turn—a kind of strategic move by which the prisoner got away from his captor long enough to obtain a warrant for his (Constable Courter's) arrest on a charge of intoxication and disorderly conduct. Constable Davis undertook to make the new arrest, and a lively scrimmage came off in which clothes were torn and the participants got severely handled. Fortunately the Comedy of Errors at length was concluded. Nobody killed or hurt—everything settled except the legal points involved.

Important.—As the holidays are approaching, we would advise our readers to pay a visit to the extensive establishment of Habne & Co. (formerly Habne & Block), No. 643 Broad street, before purchasing in New York. Habne & Co. have undoubtedly the largest and cheapest stock of toys and fancy articles, suitable for holiday presents, in the State; and parties would save time and out money by purchasing them in preference to the same class of houses in New York. Dolls and doll-heads in great variety from 1 cent to \$25, &c., &c.

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